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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Public Works (Information & Publicity) Department.

Press Note No.221, dated 29th September 1948.

PROHIBITION - PERMITS TO POSSESS FOREIGN LIQUOR FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION AND LICENCES TO NON-PROPRIETORY CLUBS.

When Prohibition is extended to the districts of Viziagapatam, East Godvari, West Godavari, Krishna, Madras, Chingleput South Arcot, Ramnad and Tirunelveli with effedt from 2-10-1948, no person in these districts can possess foreign liquor including Indian made foreign spirits for personal consumption without a permit issued by the Board of Revenue (Excise), Madras, under section 20 (a) of the Madras Prohibition Act. Europeans of the age of 21 and above whether officials or non-officials will be given permits on application. As regards Anglo-Indians and Indians no permits will be given but in the case of those who are not in Government service and who are above 55 years old, Government may consider very exceptional cases. The maximum quantity of foreign liquor that will be allowed to be possessed at a time and in a month is given below, which will be reduce progressively.

	At a time	In a month
Non-Domiciled Europeans	4 units	8 units.
Domiciled Europeans	3 "	6 "
Indians and Anglo-Indians	2 "	4 "

(One unit represents one quart bottle of Whisky, brandy, gin, rum or other kinds of spirit including liquors or 3 quart bottles of wine or vermouth or 12 quart bottles of beer or cider)

Applications for permits to possess foreign liquor for personal consumption shouldbe made through the Collector of the District in which the applicant resides. The application should contain the following particulars:

1. Name and correct address:
2. Age:
3. Community, i.e., whether European, Non-domiciled or domiciled, Anglo-Indian or Indian;
4. Status:

Each applicant should specify in his application the number of quart or pint bottles of each kind of liquor (i.e., Whisky, Gin, Wine, Beer etc) to be possessed by him at any one time subject the maximum limits referred to in the first paragraph. Each application should be affixed with a court fee of label of the value of one anna. Persons who come from outside the Province may apply to the Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue (Excise), Madras, for permits if their stay in the Prohibition area is likely to exceed one week.

Collectors of the districts concerned will, on receipt of an application, forward it to the Board with their recommendation. The Board will grant the permits and forward them to the Collectors concerned for delivery to the applicants on collection of an annual fee of Rs.20/- for each permit. The permits will be issued for one year from the dateof issue. Applications for renewal of permits should be made to the Collectors concerned one monnh before the date of expiry of the permits.

If permits for possession of foreign liquor for personal consumption are received by the applicants before 2-10-1948, they should deposit the stock of foreign liquor and Indian made foreign spirits with them with a Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsilder or a Prohibition Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Prohibition Officer and take back the stock on receipt of the permit. In the case of those who do not get permits, th stocks with them should be surrendered to the officers referred to above excppt liquor in open bottles which should be destroyed. Sealed bottles surrendered will be sold and the sale proceeds paid

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to the persons concerned. If, however, the liquor can not be sold within a period of 3 months, it will be destroyed.

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